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Smith County Children's Fair, Friday, September 15th.

LANCASTER HAS BIG EDUCATIONAL RALLY

One of the biggest educational rallies of the season was held at Lancaster last Friday, August 26. About three hundred people gathered at the handsome school building where an interesting program was rendered, beginning at 10 a. m. and closing at 2:30 p. m. Prof. Daniel, Dean of the Polytechnic, and Miss Frysinger, teacher of Domestic Science in the same school, addressed the audience and attracted much favorable comment. In the afternoon, Profs. Albert Williams, principal of the Carthage High School and S. L. Smith, Rural School, Supervisor, made two interesting addresses, the address of Prof. Williams, especially being timely, entertaining and instructive. A great number of teachers were present both from Smith and Dekalb counties.

The people of Lancaster always know what is pleasing to a teacher (as well as others) and at 12 o'clock, one of the most bountiful dinners imaginable was served.

At the close of the program, an exciting ball game between Lancaster and Temperance Hall was witnessed by a large crowd, Lancaster winning by a score of 10-0.

Lancaster has a new consolidated school building, the finest in the county with the exception of the High School buildings. This school opened a few weeks ago with 150 enrolled. Prof. J. W. Bradley of Brush Creek is at its head, with Misses Lena High of Elmwood and Georgia Smith of Carthage, assistants. Miss Mathews has charge of the music department. They have organized a Parent-Teachers Association and plans are being worked out for the improvement of the building and grounds. The directors of the Lancaster school are to be congratulated on selecting this splendid corps of teachers, and their thorough school spirit was evidenced by the interest manifested by both parent and pupil at this rally.

Protracted Meeting at Gordonsville.

Rev. John F. Bowen of Boaz, Ala., will begin a protracted meeting in the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Gordonsville Sunday, September 10. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Chancery and Circuit Courts to Meet

The regular session of the Chancery court meets Tuesday Sept. 5, 1916 and the Circuit court convenes Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1916.

Successful Revival

Rev. J. L. Smotherman returned from Port Royal, Montgomery county, last Monday night where he spent a week conducting a revival meeting. There was lots of interest manifested and the meeting was a very successful one.

For Rent.

Will rent small, cheap house and lot on my farm, where you can keep chickens, cows and pigs; within a few hundred yards of High School. Just the thing for those desiring to move to town to school children.

W. E. MYER.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR HERMITAGE TRIP

The Courier,

Carthage, Tenn.

Dear sirs:—To encourage our young friends to strive for the Hermitage trip, advertised in 1916 Smith County Children's Fair premium list, I shall thank you to publish in your paper tomorrow the fact that I am offering to start 18 boys and girls with 10 subscriptions each to the County Gentleman, which will leave only 18 subscriptions for each to secure to reach the winning number of 28. This offer is not made to fewer than 18 boys and girls and not to more than that number, but to exactly 18. There is no limit to the number who may try according to the advertised plan, but the first 18 boys and girls who register with me their intention to work and win this fine trip will benefit by this special offer, and their names will be published in the Courier Sept. 7. The Country Gentleman is \$1 per year. Boys and girls will be doing their friends and relatives a favor to get them to subscribe for this good weekly journal. The boy or girl who means business will find it easy to win. It would be a good plan for the schools to take this matter up set a day to select a representative and furnish him or her with the necessary subscriptions. I am,

Truly,

J. M. COX, Carthage, Tenn.
August 30, 1916.

Meeting Closes at Sycamore Fork.

A protracted meeting, conducted by Rev. G. W. Ramsey assisted by Rev. J. H. Ramsey, closed last Friday at Sycamore Fork. Much interested was manifested and 57 were added to the church.

To Compliment Miss Anderson and Mr. Myer.

To compliment Miss Elizabeth Anderson of Nashville and Mr. Henry Myer of New York City, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Ward entertained one evening last week at their pretty home three miles north of Carthage. A number of Carthage people, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pickering, drove out on a hay wagon and was received by Mrs. Ward, assisted by her niece, Miss Elizabeth Anderson. On arrival the guests, which numbered about twelve, were served frappe by Miss Rebekah Ward, sister-in-law to the hostess. The premises were lighted with Japanese lanterns and the parlors were artistically decorated, making a very beautiful appearance for the occasion. Dancing was the feature of the evening, and at a late hour, a delicious ice course was served.

Good Revival Meeting

Rev. A. P. Moore spent last week at Statesville, Wilson county, where he conducted a revival meeting at Smith's Fork church, assisted by Rev. J. H. Grimes, the pastor. Rev. Moore began preaching on Monday night and closed Saturday morning following. There were 25 additions to the church, 22 by baptism and 3 by letters, as the results of the strong discourses delivered. The crowds were very large from the beginning and much interest was shown in the meeting throughout.

GREATER CARTHAGE

August 12 we published an article written by Judge Fisher, reciting a proposition made by Read Bros., looking to the building up of our town. Last week we made mention of the proposition, stating that it seemed to be generally approved by the people of the town.

It appears to us that this proposition ought not to be allowed to die. Read Bros. have shown a very liberal and patriotic disposition in regard to the matter, and we think the people should take it up in some tangible shape and put it through. Read Bros. heretofore owned a one-fourth interest in the old ferries, and when the movement to build the bridge was on hand, they showed their public spirit by supporting the proposition to build the bridge, notwithstanding the fact that it was financially against their interest. They are now willing to sacrifice any financial advantage it might be to them to hold the bridge to advance the material interest of Carthage, and the people should certainly appreciate their offer and meet them on the proposition suggested.

We suggest that a public meeting should be called, the proposition discussed and some formal action taken to secure the carrying out of this suggestion. It is of great importance to the town, and will do more to bring all interests and factions together than anything ever suggested. It is the only feasible suggestion we have heard for really building up concerns that would employ labor and bring population into our midst. Unless the people manifest an interest in this suggested movement, it will, of course, die out. What will be done?

We will do anything we can in our paper to promote the building up of Carthage and are ready to publish communications looking to this end.

To School Patrons of Forks of River:

The faculty of the Elmwood High School takes this opportunity of announcing to its patrons and friends that the fall term of the school year for 1916-17 will begin on Tuesday, September 5th.

Owing to delay in obtaining material, the new building will not be ready for occupancy at the opening of the school, but will be completed not later than October. Adequate facilities, however, are provided to care for all pupils, both in the Elementary and the High School departments, until the new building is completed.

The building will be one of the best equipped in Middle Tennessee and provisions will be made for the following courses.

Literature.	Natural Science.
History.	Domestic Science.
Music (vocal)	Elocution.
Music (instrumental)	Modern Languages.
Mathematics.	Athletics.

Athletics will be fostered under faculty supervision as modern educators recognize that athletics is a vital factor in mental growth.

There will be no charges for any course except music to any resident of Smith county, but we are especially interested in the folks of the Forks of the River, and we want them to be interested in the Elmwood High School and lend it their moral aid and patronage. IT'S YOUR SCHOOL—GET BEHIND IT AND PUSH.

IVID NEAL.

Modern Language, Science and Mathematics.

W. W. HECKMAN.

History, Literature and Athletics.

MISS LUCILE HALE.

Intermediate and Domestic Science.

MISS ALMA FORD.

Primary.

MISS LUCILE VADEN.

Music.

REMEMBER OPENING DAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1916.

GOOD ROADS SPIRIT.

To the Courier:

As a result of the efforts of a few "good roads boosters" of Grant, New Middleton and Gordonsville a few days ago, quite a representative body of men from each of these towns and surrounding communities came together yesterday, and after going over the road from the Wilson county line to the Caney Fork bridge inspecting the road with a view to seeing what should be done, they returned to the Gordonsville hotel and found a good dinner waiting their arrival.

Immediately after dinner this delegation together with a number of other citizens of the county held a meeting and affected a permanent organization for the purpose of boosting good roads for the south side of Smith county. Mr. J. P. Ward of Grant was elected chairman of this general organization and Dr. C. D. Robbins of Gordonsville was made secretary and treasurer. It was then agreed that four community organizations should be organized. Next Saturday afternoon the people of the respective communities will get together and elect their own presidents, secretaries and treasurers, and each local president appoint committees whose

duties it shall be to solicit and boost the roads movement wherever they go. The presidents of these local communities are to be vice presidents of the general organization.

It is to be hoped that every other community, not only of the South side, will affect a community organization for this purpose, but that the entire county will join hands and see to it that Smith county's roads are brought up to the requirements of the other good roads counties of the state. We have one of the richest counties in Tennessee and plenty of good material lying right by the road side out of which these good roads are to be built, and with a little work on the part of every citizen we may have roads second to none in the state. The Government had recently made some laws whereby every state in the Union may have national aid in road building, and it is expected that the next Legislature will put Tennessee in line to receive her share of this aid, and Smith county must be ready to take over whatever may be coming her way.

Grant has had a good roads organization for some time and her end of the Trousdale ferry pike shows splendid results of

SMITH COUNTY BOYS ACCEPT POSITION IN CHEATHAM

Ivy Wright of Defeated and I. D. Beasley of Riddleton, have accepted positions in the school at Pleasant View, Cheatham county, Tenn. The school at this place, is one of the best in Cheatham county, with an enrollment of something like 150 pupils. The school has four teachers with Mr. Wright principal, and Mr. Beasley in charge of the intermediate department.

Smith county never turned out two more worthy young men than Mr. Wright and Mr. Beasley. They are both excellent young gentlemen, progressive, good students and thoroughly capable of teaching a splendid school and the people of Pleasant View are to be congratulated upon securing their services.

Mr. Wright went to Pleasant View Wednesday to make all the arrangements for the opening of the school next Monday. Mr. Beasley will go the latter part of the week.

Schools in Flourishing Condition.

County Superintendent E. L. Huffines, accompanied by Prof. Sterling McDuffee, visited a number of schools in the county last week, and they report them in flourishing condition.

such an organization. We understand that Carthage and Elmwood have recently gotten together on such a movement and we are glad to hear of this step. For our side of the county we shall never be satisfied until we have good roads connecting every town and community of the entire county. Think what it will mean to our people if good roads connected Granville via Chestnut Mound, Stonewall, Gordonsville, New Middleton, Grant on to Lebanon. Then Chestnut Mound to Elmwood, Elmwood to Gordonsville, Elmwood to Carthage, Gordonsville to Carthage, Carthage to Rome, Rome to Lebanon pike, Lancaster to Chestnut Mound, Lancaster to Gordonsville, New Middleton to Brush Creek and Alexandria, Gordonsville to Hickman, Sykes, and Temperance Hall; and then the North side with a similar system of roads. We should be closer together in interest, and when we know more about each other we shall like each other better, and when we go after any of the good things we need with a solid phalanx, there is no power that can keep us from obtaining any one or all of them. "Let the band play, for we are all ready for the march."

Remember that Tuesday, September 12th, is the day set for Good Roads day for Trousdale Ferry road.

The four communities which are to be organized next Saturday afternoon, viz. Division No. I, Gordonsville, working the road from Caney Fork bridge to Sam Hunter's gate; Division No. II, working the road from Sam Hunter's gate to the Jim Thomas hill; Division No. III, Shavertown, working the road from Jim Thomas hill to the Rollins hill; and Division No. IV, Grant, working road from Rollins hill to the Wilson county line. Go to your meeting next Saturday and get the plan and then you help work and help bring things to pass. Let every body keep in mind that this is not a one day job nor child's play, but that we want everyone to keep talking and working until all these roads and more are in evidence.

REPUBLICAN NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT AT NASHVILLE

Chas. E. Hughes, republican nominee for president, will arrive at the Union station in Nashville Monday morning, September 4, at 8 o'clock. Reception to the public at the Hermitage hotel from 4 to 5 p. m. He will speak at the Ryman auditorium at Nashville at 8 p. m. Public invited. Greatly reduced railroad rates from Carthage and other points.

GOOD ROADS DAY FOR GORDONSVILLE-HICKMAN

Let everybody come to the meeting Saturday afternoon. Plans will be announced for the "Good Roads" working between Hickman and Gordonsville. We want at least 100 hands and 50 wagons on the road that day.

Don't forget the day for the meeting, Saturday, September 2nd, and day for the working Tuesday, Sept. 5.

For information, see Jack Baird and N. S. Ashley of Hickman or Earl Harper and B. Armistead of Gordonsville.

Protracted Meeting

The pastor, Rev. J. L. Smotherman, will begin a protracted meeting at Jack Apple Memorial church next Sunday night. The meeting is expected to run for about a week, with two services each day.

Also it is announced that the 4th quarterly conference for the Chestnut Mound charge will be held at Pleasant Grove by Presiding Elder Blue next Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 2 and 3. All the officials are urged to be present.

Preaching at Snow Creek.

Rev. A. P. Moore will begin a revival meeting at the Snow Creek Baptist church, near Elmwood, next Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. This will be a meeting for the benefit of all the people of that community and everybody is cordially invited to attend and take part. The meeting will continue indefinitely, day and night. Come and make yourself at home.

Gordonsville News.

Miss Minnie Proctor of Nashville, who has been visiting friends here recently, is now visiting friends at Elmwood.

Prof. E. F. Liggett, who has been spending his vacation with relatives at Lewisburg, has returned ready for the opening of school.

Miss Fannie Denton Washburn has returned from her home in Nashville ready for the opening of school.

Chas. C. Vantrease, who has been collecting for Dr. J. S. Campbell, has gone to Nashville to accept a position.

Miss Mary Washburn of Nashville is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Gwaltney.

Miss Mary A. Grissom of Columbia, Ky., is expected to return this week.

W. K. Kimball of Oxford, N. C., bought several fine hogs from Will Whitley and E. D. Harper.

The protracted meeting, which was held at the Presbyterian church, closed Sunday.

Prof. Asa B. Elliott, who has been teaching in the summer school of Byron W. King's School of Oratory at Pittsburg, Pa., has returned.

The citizens of New Middleton met with with the citizens of Gordonsville and planned the building of a better road between New Middleton and Gordonsville.